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My dear Mirza,

You will remember the talk we had in Delhi about your Prince (the son of H.H. the Yuvaraja) and the grand-daughter of the Maharaja.

I wonder whether you have thought further on the subject.

About the girl herself-I have no doubt about her fitting into the traditions of Mysore. She is well educated in the orthodox way-Sanskrit, Mahrathi, Music, Painting etc., with just the right mixture of the West and has not been to England. She is very handsome and this branch of the family lives in the regular Hindu style.

There is of course the question of the Mahratta-Rajput connection. Such alliances are common in this part of India.

How do you think will His Highness feel about it?

Leaving the 'caste' aspect aside I cannot think of a more suitable alliance. The girl will prove an intelligent companion and be a good influence in society. We ourselves have had rather extensive enquiries from parents of Rajput girls as our Maharaja's grandson (brother of the girl I am writing about) who is at Cambridge is of marriageable age: but have not had a single girl, eligible in the way this girl is.

The whole thing of course depends on the feeling in regard to the difference in 'Caste'. It is not strong here-but of course His Highness's views on it are the ones that matter.

The Maharaja Gakwad will move formally in the matter at a later stage if a favourable issue be likely.

I shall be glad to know what you think of it all. I can of course come there whenever you want me-and if you desire to know anything more I can tell you. Perhaps you found an opportunity to talk to His Highness the Maharaja about it and see how he is likely to view the suggestion?

I hope you will forgive me for troubling you with this in the midst of your numerous preoccupations.

With all good wishes,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
Sd/- V.T.Krishnamachari.